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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a Joint Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 which, together with the Declarations of record in this application and discussed in Amendment B (dated September 27, 2005), describe events which establish diligence from a date prior to the date of reduction to practice of U.S. Patent 5,638,752 (April 4, 1994) and the date of a constructive reduction to practice of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent (August 14, 1995).

Applicants respectfully request admittance of the Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 submitted herewith which is believed to be necessary to overcome the position of the Examiner that the previous Declarations submitted in the prosecution of this application are insufficient to establish diligence. However, as Applicants have pointed out in the prosecution of this application, such earlier Declarations are verily believed to establish diligence in the time period in